

BEFORE THE TENNESSEE REGULATORY AUTHORITY
NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE

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IN RE: IMPLEMENTATION OF THE
FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS
COMMISSION'S TRIENNIAL REVIEW
ORDER

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) Docket No. 03-00460
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PETITION TO INTERVENE OF COMPSOUTH

Competitive Carriers of the South, Inc. ('COMPSOUTH'), moves to intervene, pursuant to T.C.A. § 4-5-310(a), in the above captioned proceeding.

CompSouth is an association of competing local exchange telephone companies which operate in the nine-state BellSouth region.¹ The above-captioned proceeding will determine, among other things, the terms and conditions under which the members of CompSouth may operate in Tennessee. Therefore, the outcome of this proceeding may determine the legal rights, duties, privileges, immunities, or other loyal interests of the members of CompSouth. Moreover, granting this petition to intervene will service the interests of justice and will not impair the orderly and prompt conduct of the proceedings.

At this time, CompSouth does not intend to participate actively in the initial phase of this proceeding which will address issues relating to the provision of service to business customer being served over high capacity loops i.e., "the ninety-day proceeding." Order of August 19, 2003, at 2. CompSouth intends only to monitor that proceeding. CompSouth does, however,

¹ The members of CompSouth include: Access Integrated Networks, Inc., MCI, Birch Telecom, Business Telecom, Inc., Covad Communications Company, AT&T, NewSouth Communications Corp., Talk America, Nuvox Communications, Inc., ITC^DeltaCom, Xspedius Communications, Momentum Business Solutions, Cinergy Communications Company, Network Telephone Corp., KMC Telecom, Z-Tel Communications, Inc., and IDS Telecom LLC.

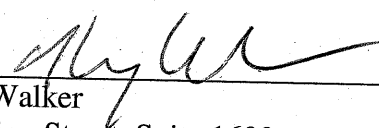
reserve the right to participate more fully in this proceeding or to address the impairment issue if the matter is raised by other parties or by the Authority.

CompSouth, therefore, asks that this Petition to Intervene be granted.

Respectfully submitted,

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